




Ranger Led Programs - Alpine, East




starting August 20



Wheelchair
Accessible
Programs


All children must be accompanied by an adult

Alpine									
Program & Time	Days Offered							Description	
	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
Alpine Aspects 2 PM 30 minute talk ends 10/9 	•						•	Discover the survival strategies tundra plants and animals use to live in gale-force winds, driving snow and a severely short summer. Meet at the Alpine Visitor Center.	
Tundra to Trees 9 AM 4 hour hike ends 8/31					•			Hike an ancient Ute trail that leads from alpine heights down through old growth forest. Meet at Milner Pass parking area to carpool for this moderate 4-mile hike. Bring warm clothing, rain gear, water, and snacks.	
East									
Tyndall Gorge Walk 9:30 AM 1.5 hours ends 10/9		•	•	•	•	•		Explore the breathtaking glacial landscape and lush subalpine forests above Bear Lake on this moderate walk. Meet at the Bear Lake parking lot.	
Moraine Park Nature Walk 10 AM 1-1.5 hour walk ends 10/9	•	•	•	•			•	Discover what lives and grows around the Moraine Park Museum. Meet at the Moraine Park Museum for this easy walk.	
Western History Walk 10 AM 1.5 hour walk from 8/31 to 9/22					•	•		Stroll along Moraine Park for this 2-part walk. Thursday: the pioneers. Friday: the Moraine community. Meet at the Moraine Park Museum.	
Animals in Autumn 10:30 AM 20-30 minute talk ends 10/9 	•			•	•	•	•	Find out what the wildlife are up to during this changing time of year. Meet at the Fall River Visitor Center.	
The Importance of Being a Beaver 2 PM 1 hour walk ends 10/9	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Beavers drastically change their environment, and they have wonderful adaptations to do so. To see their work first hand, meet at Sprague Lake parking lot.	
Bear Lake Stroll 1:30 PM 1 hour stroll ends 10/9		•	•	•	•	•		Enjoy an easy walk around a lovely subalpine lake and learn about the natural and human forces that have shaped this landscape. Meet at Bear Lake.	
Elk Echoes 6 PM 30 minute talk starts 8/29 ends 10/9 	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Learn about elk adaptations, migration, and mating behavior. Programs are held simultaneously at Moraine Park Museum amphitheater and the Sheep Lakes parking lot nightly.	
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Evening Programs – East									
Program & Time	Days Offered							Description	
	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa		
Beaver Meadows Evening Program 7 PM 45 minutes through 9/3 	•					•	•	Enjoy a wide variety of informative and entertaining programs. Meet in the downstairs auditorium at Beaver Meadows Visitor Center.	
Beaver Meadows Evening Program starting 9/9, every Saturday at 7 PM							•		
Glacier Basin Evening Program 7 PM 45 minutes ends 9/2 		•		•	•		•	Enjoy a wide variety of informative and entertaining programs. Meet at the Glacier Basin Campground outdoor amphitheater, warmly dressed.	
Moraine Park Evening Program 8:30 PM 45 minutes ends 9/3 	•		•	•		•		Enjoy a wide variety of informative and entertaining programs. Meet at the Moraine Park Campground outdoor amphitheater, warmly dressed.	

Special Programs									
Art in Paradise 2:30 PM 45-60 minutes ends 9/14							•		
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Junior Rangers - Parkwide





Free junior ranger books are available at park visitor centers. A successfully completed book earns a badge!



Bear Lake can be bright in the fall.

Photo: Peter Allen





Daytime Programs– West

Program & Time	Days Offered							Description
	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	
Hike through History 9 AM (8/22, 8/29) 9 AM (9/9-9/30) 3 hour hike, 3 miles			•				•	Walk a section of the old wagon road in Kawuneeche Valley. Learn about mining, homesteading, and early dude ranching. Meet at Colorado River Trailhead. Ends 9/30
Cross-Country to Chickaree 9 AM 3-4 hour hike							•	View this seldom-seen lake on a strenuous, half-day, off-trail hike. Bring snacks, water, hiking boots and raingear. Meet at Onahu Creek Trailhead. Ends 9/2
Holzwarth Trout Lodge 10 AM - 4 PM Drop-in tour	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Buildings are open 10 AM–4 PM daily. Discuss early settlement with staff. This is a great family activity! Ends 9/4
Rocky Mountain Heritage Walk 10 AM 2 hours, 1 mile walk ends 9/3	•							Learn about prehistoric Indian people, miners and valley settlers while revisiting the Old West at an historic guest ranch. Meet at the Holzwarth Historic Site parking area.
Coyote Valley River Walk through 9/4: 10 AM ----- 2 PM ----- 1 hour walk 9/10-9/24: Sun only	•	• at 10 AM		•		•		Explore the valley ecology and history on this easy walk along the Colorado River. Meet at the Coyote Valley Trailhead. Ends 9/24 
The Colorado: Life at the Source through 9/4: 10 AM ----- 2:30 PM ----- 1.5 hours, 1-mile walk 9/9- 9/30 Sat only		• at 2:30 PM	•		•	•	•	Join a ranger just miles from the source of the Colorado River. See how river and forest provide a rich habitat for plants and wildlife. Meet at the Colorado River Trailhead. Ends 9/30
Skins and Things through 9/4: 2:30 PM 40 minute activity 9/9-9/30:	• •	•	•	•	•	•	•	Examine the skins, skulls, antlers, teeth and bones of many park mammals. Drop in anytime during the program. Meet at Kawuneeche Visitor Center. Ends 9/30 
A Glimpse of Paradise through 8/30: 2:30 PM 2.5 hour walk 9/3- 9/24 Sun only	• •			•				This easy 3 mile hike passes Adams Falls and leads to spectacular views of mountains surrounding the meadows of the East Inlet. Meet at East Inlet Trailhead. Ends 9/24
The Birds, the Bees, the Beetles 3:30 PM 1 hour walk Ends 9/1						•		Walk through a lodgepole forest and learn the ecological role of pine beetles in park forests. Meet at the Harbison Meadow parking area.
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Free Park Movie

See the stunning 23 minute park movie at the Beaver Meadows and Kawuneeche Visitor Centers during normal business hours. Available any day you arrive, this movie features spectacular aerial footage of the rugged high country of Rocky Mountain National Park, as well as wildlife and other park resources.

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	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	
Saturday Night in the Park 7 PM 1 hour presentation second Saturday of each month 							•	Enjoy a Saturday evening program in the auditorium at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center. For topics, inquire at the front desk.
An Evening in the Park 7 PM 1 hour presentation ends 9/3 	•		•		•		•	Enjoy an indoor evening program in the auditorium at the Kawuneeche Visitor Center. For topics, inquire at the front desk.
Beaver: Super Mammal! 5:30 PM 2.5 hour walk ends 9/2							•	The beaver can, and does, dramatically change its landscape. Learn about this forester, engineer, architect, landscape planner. Meet at Colorado River Trailhead.
Walk Into Twilight 7 PM 2 hour walk ends 9/1						•		Enjoy a leisurely stroll as darkness, night sounds and wildlife fill the valley. Bring warm clothes, good hiking shoes and a flashlight. Meet at the Onahu Creek Trailhead.
Sunset Chat at Fleshut’s 7 PM 45 minute program ends 8/30		• 		•				Enjoy an outdoor program (on various topics) at Fleshut’s Cabin. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and meet at Holzwarth Historic Site parking area.
Old Ranch Tales 7 PM 50 minutes ends 9/1						•		Tall tales (we tell ‘em) and camp songs (we’ll all sing ‘em), bring back the old days. Dress warmly and meet the old wrangler at Holzwarth Historic Site parking area.
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